Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 29th, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Appropriations Committee H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,500,000 in funding for the Affordable Educator Housing in Santa Clara project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Santa Clara County Office of Education, located at 1290 Ridder Park Dr, San Jose, CA 95131.

The funding would be used to facilitate the development of a program to support homeowner garage conversion for up to six (6) new residential studio, 1-, or 2-bedroom units to increase housing supply for teachers and other school employees working at participating school districts. This pilot will build stronger and more resilient communities by having school personnel able to live and work in their local communities, while also offer current homeowners, such as seniors, income generation to age in place. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports affordable housing and community development consistent with federally authorized programs.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Ro Khanna

Member of Congress